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## HELLAS LOSES THE POINTS — BUT WHERE DO THEY GO?

Protests are expected this week against the decision by the PSL management committee not to redistribute points gained by South Melbourne — Hellas from matches in which it used an ineligible player.

Sydney Olympic is almost certain to protest. Olympic lost 0-1 to South Melbourne while Souths used the ineligible player, English left back Tony Turner.

Olympic is likely to ask that it be granted the two points it lost to Souths and that the goal

Souths scored in that match be removed.

The PSL management committee decided on Monday to deduct from South Melbourne three points the club gained from games in which it used Turner.

However, the committee decided to allow Souths to keep the goals they scored in those games and not to redistribute the three points.

Olympic's protest would go directly to the Australian Soccer Federation which has the

power to redistribute the points and to remove Souths used the ineligible player, English left back Tony Turner.

If the ASF upheld Olympic's protest, the decision would also affect the result of Souths' games against Newcastle (1-2) and Heidelberg (2-2).

Heidelberg would gain an additional point and the three goals Souths scored in the two games would be removed from the records.

The PSL's decision to deduct three points from South Melbourne left the club with only one point and sent it sliding to the bottom of the ladder.

The PSL management committee found that South Melbourne used Turner before he had been cleared by his English club, Huddersfield or by the English Football Association and before he had been issued with a registration number and registered card to play in the PSL.



# Gary Cole the new Roo battering ram

**Heidelberg's Gary Cole will almost certainly be the central striker in Rudi Gutendorf's national team.**

Gutendorf marvelled at Cole's great strength, speed and shooting power in Victoria's 2-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. in a training match at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

"He looks the same and he has the same style as Benny Wendt," Gutendorf remarked while watching the game.

Wendt, a Swedish international striker, played under Gutendorf at Berlin club Tennis Borussia. He is now with Cologne.

Cole, formerly of Hingwood-Wilhelmina, joined Heidelberg (then called Fitzroy-Alexander) in 1976. He is the Philips League's top scorer on

aggregate over the league's first two seasons.

Before last weekend's round, Cole had 29 goals and Dixie Deans of Adelaide City had 27.

Cole, Phil O'Connor (St. George) and John Kosmin (West Adelaide) are likely to comprise the Australian attack.

Cole scored one of the goals and helped cause the other in Victoria's victory over Footscray and he was a constant threat to the Footscray defence which would have conceded more goals had it not been for some desperate defensive play by Andrija Ristic.

Former Footscray star Milos Adamovic made a pertinent remark after the game, saying Cole and Joe Pisciano would be a deadly partnership in the national team, with Pisciano's great skill complementing Cole's speed, strength and aggression, and with Pisciano providing Cole with those remarkable through balls of his.

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic wanted to buy Cole when the striker was still at Wilhelmina. He still wishes his committee had agreed at the time.

After the game Gutendorf said he would invite the following Victorian players to national team trials.

Yakka Banovic, Jim Tansey, Gary Cole (Heidelberg), Zdravko Lujic, Jim Kondaros, Joe Pisciano (Footscray), John Yzendoorn (Slavia) and perhaps Jim Paton (Slavia).

He was disappointed by the performances of Lujic and Pisciano but said he had seen both do better. "I will give them a chance to prove themselves in the trials," he said.

Gutendorf was extremely impressed by sweeper

*By LAURIE SCHWAB*

**Yzendoorn** and striker Paton but doubts that they will get enough of the right type of opposition in the State League.

He praised Paton for the way he came off his opponents, the way he was always first to the ball and the way he exploited open space. He praised Yzendoorn for his excellent covering, his ability to read play and his speed in going to the ball and recovering. He added, however, that he wants the libero in the national team playing a more

offensive role than Yzendoorn did against Footscray.

Jim Kondaros, said Gutendorf was one of the best stoppers he had seen in Australia. He admired his strength, height, speed and commitment and added that Kondaros had the extra advantage of having played against many overseas opponents while in the Victorian team. One of Kondaros' competitors for the stopper's position is South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter.

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**Heidelberg's international striker Gary Cole in full flight. Picture by Steve Chatzis.**



**National coach Rudi Gutendorf emphasises a point in commenting on Socceroo candidates.**



**The grim face of coach Cedo Cirkovic tells the story of Footscray J.U.S.T.'s plight during the game against Sydney City in Sydney last Sunday. Footscray, missing injured Peter Ollerton, and losing sweeper Radosevovic through injury during the match, lost 0-3. Footscray meets Marconi at Olympic Park on Monday and Sydney City clashes with South Melbourne at Middle Park on Sunday. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.**

## NORWICH TOUR IS SET

If league form is anything to go by, Norwich City won't find it easy to win on its Australian tour next month.

Before last weekend's round of English First Division matches, Norwich had not won a single away match.

It had 11 draws from 17 home matches and, with 33 points, was holding ninth position on the table.

Norwich's tour will interfere with Martin Peters' proposed guest stint with Victorian State League club Frankston City.

The former England international is due to play four games for Frankston from May 13 onwards.

However, Norwich's first tour game, against Western Australia in Perth, is scheduled tentatively for May 13. The other dates, which are

still subject to confirmation, are:

May 16: v South Australia in Adelaide;

May 20: v Victoria in Melbourne;

May 23: v A.C.T. in Canberra;

May 27: v NSW in Sydney.

Norwich is unlikely to play against the Socceroos. National coach Rudi Gutendorf said it would be too early to field the national team in a competitive match, as the team would still be experimental.

Norwich's best-known players, apart from Peters, are goalkeeper Kevin Keelan and Jim Neighbour. — LAURIE SCHWAB

# Wanted: a new Ray Richards



National coach Gutendorf rates Footscray's Jim Kondaros as the best stopper he's seen in Australia. Kondaros (right) is pictured in action for Victoria against Bologna.

## From page one

**Jim Tansey and Zdravko Lujic** are both contenders for the left back position. Tansey was excellent in the practice match, setting Lujic a big task. Tansey also has the advantage of being a long-serving Socceroo. In Lujic's favor is the fact that he can also play with distinction in attack.

Piccioli played the first half for Footscray and the second half for Victoria.

"He has amazing skill — probably the best in the country, but he should have done a lot more, knowing that I was here watching," Gutendorf said.

"He made only three or four good forward moves and had only one really good shot at goal, while he was playing with Footscray. When he went onto the other side he didn't do much at all. However, he is a leading candidate for an attacking midfield position in the national team and it is up to him to justify selection."

**Gutendorf said he would call 20 players into camp in Sydney on April 29 to May 5, and that the Socceroos would play against Phillips League clubs every Wednesday night."**

The first scheduled match is against Newcastle KB United in Newcastle on May 9.

There may be a match in Victoria on the Queen's Birthday holiday in June.

Commenting about the difficulty of moulding the new national team, Gutendorf said: "If only we had an outstanding national team in which to mould the national side, it would be so much better."

for all concerned. Unfortunately, there is no such team in Australia.

"Italy based its team on Juventus last year, West Germany was based at one time on Kaiserslautern and later on Bayern Munich. The USSR was based on Dynamo Kiev. Even Australia, during its best period, was based on one club — St George."

"This gives you the advantage of having a block of players who know each other personally and who know each other's moves."

"When you are forced to pick players from here, there and everywhere it takes years to develop cohesion. But it's no good complaining, we have to make up my mind which players I want to pick. It's nearly impossible so we can start working on moulding them together into a strong unit."

Victorian goalkeeper **Yakka Banovic**, recently transferred from Essendon Crotal to Heidelberg, made a lasting impression on Gutendorf with his speed, reflexes and confidence. His main rival is **Martyn Crook** of West Adelaide, although **Gary Meier** (Olympic) and **Jack Reilly** (South Melbourne) are also under consideration.

Gutendorf's main problem exists in midfield. He likes **Ian Scoures** of Sydney City and **Phil O'Connor** of Footscray, but if Victoria really needs a defensive midfielder like Italy's **Romeo Benetti** to do the job that **Ray Richards** did for so long in the national team, if **Ristic** played in every game the way he did against Victoria, he would be Gutendorf's man.

Of players from other States, **Phil O'Connor** (St George), **Tony Henderson** (Marconi) Crook and

Kosmina and certain to be in Gutendorf's team.

**Vic Bozanic** of West Adelaide also has an excellent chance. Bozanic usually plays left back but if he could also play on the right, Bozanic and Tansey would be a pair of excellent full backs.

Among the midfielders, Gutendorf also likes Marconi's **Gary Byrne** and of the forwards, he likes **Peter Sharne** (Marconi), and the Sydney City paid, **Joe Watson** and **Hilton Silva**.

For the record, here are the highlights of Victoria's excellent 2-0 victory over Footscray last Wednesday:

• Kondaros kicks the ball off Paton's foot five metres out, preventing a certain goal;

• Ristic throws himself across to head a dangerous Victorian ball;

• Jim Rooney slings the ball across the box to Paton whose hook shot misses narrowly;

• Yzendoorn, in Victoria's defence, dispossesses **Mendo Ristovski** and passes to Rooney who plays a long through ball for Cole who runs at goal and shoots. Steve Potter can only block it, leaving **Tommy Cumming** to put the loose ball into the net 1-0.

• After 30 minutes, Ristovski has Footscray's first shot at goal, but it's held by **Banovic**;

• Radoslav Jovicic tries to clear a long ball but hits it too low, and it goes spinning straight up into the air. Cole is there, and he flips it over onto Steve Potter, into the net 2-0.

• Piccioli sends a great through ball to Peter Ollerton, who goes around Banovic but is diverted too wide in doing so. By the time he sent the ball towards the open goal, **Banovic** has raced back desperately to pounce and save.

• Piccioli slams a sizzling shot towards goal, but **Banovic** taps it past for a corner, one-handed. Half time 2-0.

• A long shot by **John Gardner** hits the woodwork.

• Tommy Cumming robs **Igor Hazabent** of the ball and goes towards goal. He tries to round **Dennis Boland** who does well to get a hand to it while lying on the ground;

• Piccioli is beaten by Victoria's excellent stopper, **Steve Kokosa**, hits the woodwork.

• Ristic converts a third Victorian goal by clearing an incredible Gardner shot off the line with a flying header;

• Jim Williams, unmarked, heads towards the open goal, but



Heidelberg's Jim Tansey (right), leading contender for the left back position in the national team. At left is Footscray's Andrija Ristic, the best player on the ground in the trial game against Victoria last week. Ristic played with all the desperation of a man seeking a spot in the national team.

## VICTORIA 2 (Cumming, Cole) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0, training match at Olympic Park.

**VICTORIA:** Banovic 8 — Short 6, Yzendoorn 9, Kokoska 8, Tansey 8 — Gardner 8, Tront 7 (Piccioli 6), Rooney 8 — Cumming 7 (Williams 73rd), Paton 9 (Gilder 73rd), Cole 9.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Potter 8 (Boland 9 half time) Ilioski 8, Jovicic 5, (Hazabent 5, half time), Kondaros 8, Lujic 5 — Ristic 9, Piccioli 7 (Carpenter 7 half time), Jovanovic 6 — Palinkas 5, Ollerton 7 (Belic 6 half time), Ristovski 8 (Todorovic 5, half time).



**Victorian sweeper John Yzendoorn of Slavia — showing international class.**

instilled into the team by Len McKendry.

Footscray usually plays a lot better. Certainly it will have to in the important league matches to come.

After the match, both **Mendo Ristovski** and **Peter Ollerton** complained of injuries. Ristovski had a badly swollen knee and Ollerton an injured ankle.

After the game Gutendorf appointed former national coach **Tony Boggi** as his 'right hand man' in Victoria.

Boggi will train the Victorian Socceroos from PSL clubs. State coach **McKendry** will train the State League candidates and **Bill Curran** will keep Gutendorf informed on youth players.



**South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter — Gutendorf admires his toughness.**



**Yakka Banovic of Heidelberg, new Socceroo goalkeeper per?**



**Goal machine Jamie Paton of Slavia.**



**Footscray's left back or forward Zdravko Lujic — played badly against Victoria but Gutendorf will give him another chance.**



**Brilliant ball wizard Joe Piccioli slips past Newcastle's Bill Summercales in a PSL match. Now stand by for the Piccioli-Cole combination in the national team!**

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Dixie Deans of Adelaide City, rated by Rale Basic as Australia's top striker. Deans is pictured (right) as Heidelberg defenders Jim O'Reilly (number 10) and Arthur McMillan prepare to challenge.

## Deans: truly world-class

Allow me to devote part of this column to one of the finest professionals I have had the pleasure of dealing with — that great goalscorer John "Dixie" Deans.

That's right — his real name is John.

In his relationship with other players and in his attitude to training he shows all the qualities that made him the best striker in Scotland and now the best in Australia.

He may have had somewhat of a childish attitude early in his career, and it cost him dearly. But that's behind him and he has nothing but respect from everyone he comes into contact with.

I would go as far as comparing him with some of the world famous strikers and I would say that there is not much difference between them.

He seems certain to top the league goalscorers' list this year as he did in 1977. Already he has scored two-thirds of Adelaide City's goals for 1979.

Before I came to City people told me stories about Deans's phenomenal heading abilities.

But what they didn't tell me was that he was so exceptionally fast and that he is such a clever ball player.

No wonder that when the Adelaide City team is announced over the public address system before a game, the crowd cheers the name of Dixie Deans.

On March 7 Mike Jonson wrote in "Soccer Action" about the need for clubs to appoint full-time professionals to management and promotional positions.

He said: "I would commitmen



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information about Adelaide City in that club's programme.

The programme said, for example, that Roger Romanowicz was Adelaide City's goalkeeper, whereas he has not played for City for some time. It further told us that the Nykerk brothers transferred from Brisbane Lions whereas in fact, they came from Lion Adelaide. Also, the programme said that Jim Muir came not from Dunbarton but from Motherwell.

South Melbourne had a full-time manager-PR man last season but it didn't work and they parted company again.

Mike Johnson gives us his advice. Thanks, Mike, but may I ask how many of your management and promotional ideas you were able to implement at the clubs with which you have been involved?

★★★

I have long been singing the praises of coaches Raul Blanco and Vic Fernandez because too few coaches of their high standard exist in this country.

Blanco, boss of Melita Eagles is a totally professional man. He has a phenomenal personality, total dedication, endless knowledge.

Blanco starts his team training a month earlier than all the others, and the amount of training his players do is greater than that done at all other clubs, but the players don't complain.

Blanco has shown one and all that a solid foundation of planning invariably breeds success. He is the type of man every Philips League club should be looking for.

The days of the con man are gone — and we all know who the con men are.

Vic Fernandez, coach of Canberra, is in the same mould as Blanco. I know what a great player he was and I know what his ideas are.

The main reason these two South Americans are so successful is that they give all their men complete control of their dealings with their players. Blanco and Fernandez are true human beings. They are totally open emotionally — they laugh, they get angry, they can cry. They hide nothing, and so they have an open, honest relationship with the people they deal with.

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Remember the names Charlie Villani and Luciano Signore, two Adelaide City youngsters who will be known throughout Australia soon.

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# SCOTLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA TO PLAY HERE?

Yugoslavia, Australia and Scotland 'B' may compete in an international tournament to mark Australian soccer's centenary next year.

The tournament would start soon after a match between Australia and England

at the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 1, 1980.

The national team of

Czechoslovakia may visit later that year.

A schoolboy tournament is

likely to be played in conjunction with the international tournament.

Invitations have been sent to England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and various Asian countries to send their schoolboy teams to Australia for the tournament.

This series, and the senior tournament, would be played in various capital cities.

Meanwhile, the Yugoslav FA has confirmed that its under 19 team will stop over in Australia on its way to Tokyo for the finals of the world youth championships in August this year.

The Yugoslav youth team will play two games against the Australian under 19 team in Sydney and Melbourne.

The ASF has also written to the South American Confederation asking that either Paraguay, Uruguay or Argentina visit Australia on their way to the world youth titles in Tokyo.



### Politicians drop in

What's this? Heidelberg Utd's latest recruits with president Jim Mangopoulos (above left)?

Pictured with Mangopoulos are State Opposition leader Frank Wilkes (centre) and Liberal backbencher Peter Collins, who is also president of Slavia soccer club.

The two politicians were making a visit to the soccer, and picked a good day to drop in. They watched Heidelberg and South Melbourne play a 2-2 draw at Olympic Park in front of 12,000 people, the largest crowd in the Philips League this season.

Wilkes and Collins will soon be playing their own game as the State elections approach.

### Ground is needed

Prahran College of Advanced Education (Vic) is still looking for a ground on which to attempt a world soccer record.

The college teams wants to play the longest game of soccer, to raise money so it can compete in the Australian inter-college sports carnival in Perth.

Any club or organisation that can make a ground available for the record attempt should contact Phil Diamantaris on 699 6736 after hours.

### Australia plans to re-join Oceania

Australia is likely to rejoin the Oceania Confederation at its meeting in Port Moresby on April 21.

And ASF president Sir Arthur George is said to have the numbers to be elected president of Oceania.

Australia withdrew from Oceania over various issues, including the voting structure and its attitude to South Africa and Taiwan.

Now it has submitted a suggested new constitution and if it is accepted, Australia will rejoin the Confederation.

The changes which would be brought about by the new constitution are:

• That only four nations have the right to vote — Papua-New Guinea, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand.

• That the secretary does not have the right to vote;

• That there be only one vice-president instead of four;

• That the only votes be two by each of the four voting nations and the casting vote of the president.

As a member of Oceania, Australia would try to revive the dormant Oceania Cup competition for nations in the region, and would try to start an Oceania youth cup.

Meanwhile, Sir Arthur George and ASF secretary Mr Le Feuvre are preparing to visit FIFA headquarters in Zurich next month, for a decision about whether the 1981 world youth championship finals will be held in Australia.

The decision will be made by the FIFA executive committee's meeting on May 17.

A few days later, Mr Le Feuvre and Sir Arthur will attend a meeting of the world youth tournament committee.

The two Australian visitors will be guests at the official opening of the new FIFA headquarters in Zurich and at other functions held as part of FIFA's 75th anniversary celebrations.



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BRISBANE CITY	2	0	4	1	1	1	5	6
MARCONI	1	1	6	6	1	0	1	3
Canberra City	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	0
West Adelaide	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2
Footscray JUST	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	5
Heidelberg Utd	1	2	0	3	2	0	1	2
Sydney Olympic	2	0	1	4	2	0	0	4
Brisbane Lions	1	0	2	5	5	1	0	4
Adelaide City	0	1	2	2	5	1	1	0
APIA-Leichhardt	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	4
St. George	0	0	2	2	9	1	0	2
South Melbourne	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2

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## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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BRISBANE Lions 2 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS — Lowndes 7, Lawrie 7, Bennett 7, Hermiston 8, Niven 8, Spearratt 7, Hughes 6, Russell 7 (Ontong 55th), Walleco 7, Fairbrother 6 (Brennan 55th, 8), McGregor 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE — Reilly 7, Kafetefidis 7, Munro 6 (Lutton 6, 54th), Baxter 6, Turner 6, Davidson 6, Christopoulos 6, Wright 6, Cummings 6 (Drakofeld 6 45th), Evans 6, Campbell 6.

HEIDELBERG 0 BRISBANE CITY 0. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG — Banovic 5 — McMillan 7, Bannon 7, Provan 7, Tansey 6, Campbell 8, Taylor 6, Rooney 6, Bozikas 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 8, Tokesi 8, Potter 8, Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 7, Echevarria 5, Coyne 5, Low 5, Kelso 5 (Gaffney 60th), Caldwell 7.

SYDNEY CITY 3 FOOTSCRAY 0, Ratings by Peter Scott:

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Souness 7, Thomson 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 8, Campbell 8, Stevenson 9, Barnes 7, Watson 7, Smith 7, Silva 6.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 6, Ilioski 7, Ristic 7, Jovicic 7 (Carpenter 6, 45th min), Kondarios 7, Jovanovic 6, Palinkas 8, Lujic 6, Picioane 7, Hazeboot 6, Ristovski 7.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 NEWCASTLE 0. Ratings by Mono Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Dodds 7, Besir 7, Muir 8, Nyskohus 8, Marochi 6 (Merw), Muniz 7, Northcote 7, Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 7, Curran 7, McClelland 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Cowburn 7, Seddon 6, Boden 7, Tredinnick 6.

MARCONI 2 ST GEORGE 1. Ratings by Alex Vesic. MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan 6, Russell 6, Prakalo 8, Degney 7, Henderson 6, Byrne 8, Mariani 7 (Vieri 45-6), Jenkovic 7, Krnecic 6, Sharne 7.

ST GEORGE: Cox 7, Harris 6, Della Picca 6, Grosse 7, Terry 6, R. O'Shea 8, Katholos 8, S. O'Shea 8, Hemman 7 (Matic 72), Cotton 6, O'Connor 7.

CANBERRA CITY 0 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Peter Windsop.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 7, Moulis 8, Milovanovic 7, Farrell (Hogg 13th minute 8), Brown 7, Salgado 7, Stark 7 (Bailey 45th 6) Cant 7, Davies 9, Fielding 7, Byrne 7.

W. ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Reynolds 7, Jones 7, Kambar 7, Tymczyszyn 7, Honeyman 7, (Norris 79th)

McGachery 7, Boyle 7, McGregor 7, (Bozanis 62nd) Kosamine 7, Pillans 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 APIA 2, ratings by Tony Recchi.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, McIntosh 4 (Botham 79th min), Palmer 6, Bell 7, Wilson 8, Cross 7, Laing 8, Reakopoulou 9, Jamieson 7, Eaton 4, Ainslie 7.

APIA: McGuire 7, Turnbull 8, Carruthers 5, Wilson 8, Rowden 4, Rampanti 8, Butler 8, (O'Donnell 81st min), Richards 7, Stine 9, Reed 5 (Drews 72nd min).

Leading ratings:

8.0 Deans (AC), Tokesi (BC), Hogg (Can), Clarke (SC), Crook (WA).

7.8 Davies (Can), Meier (SO).

7.7 Thomson (SC), Bruce (SC).

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7.5 Rampanti (APIA), G. Potter (BL), Jenkovic (Marc), E. Campbell (SC).

7.4 Hermiston (BL), Moulis, Stark, T. Byrne (Can), Picioane (Footh), G. Byrne (Marc), Ainslie, Laing (SO).

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# SYDNEY CITY WILL KEEP REILLY BUSY

Pity poor Jack Reilly. He'll probably be the busiest man in the Philips League this weekend.

With South Melbourne playing poorly, goalkeeper Reilly can expect little help when his side meets rampaging Sydney City at Middle Park on Sunday.

Having won its past two matches 5-0 against St George and 3-0 against Footscray, Sydney City has emerged as the main challenger to Newcastle for the honor of leading the league.

Sydney City has already won the NSW Ampol Cup and is now living up to its reputation of being the most regular winner in the PSL.

Winger Joe Watson, leader in the PSL Player of the Year voting, is entering a brilliant early season. Eddie Campbell returned to his best Socceroo form last week against Footscray and big striker Terry Smith poses a constant threat to opposing defences.

South Melbourne lost sweeper Frank Munro who limped off injured just after half time of the match against Brisbane Lions last Sunday and is in doubt for Sunday's game.

All the spirit seems to have gone from the South Melbourne

team, judging from reports from Brisbane and from recent performances at home.

Somehow, these players will have to be motivated during the week unless they are content to be hammered by the polished Silvers.

Ken Drakeford appears better suited to a midfield rather than a forward position, and Mike Povey should be called in to replace Munro if the latter cannot play. Povey should go to right back and Kafatidis to the sweeper's position.

The strongest line-up would appear to be Reilly, Povey, Kafatidis, Burton, Turpin-Davidson, Wright, Drakeford-Cummings, Evans, Campbell. API-Leichhardt sprang to life with a 2-0 victory over Sydney Olympic last week, and should give Heidelberg United a difficult match at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

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Italian star Rosario Rampini is playing himself into better form week by week and Peter Stone is starting to recapture the form that made him one of the league's best midfielders in 1977.

Heidelberg is likely to have the edge in midfield where Jimmy Rooney will relish playing against his former club.

Adelaide fans will get their first look at the "new" John Kosmina when West Adelaide takes on Brisbane Lions at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Kosmina, improved by a year with Arsenal, showed some excellent form in West's scoreless draw with Canberra last week and will be trying hard to get among the scorers against Lions.

Supported by Neil McGahey, Peter Boyle and Ian McGregor, I have no doubt that



South Melbourne goalkeeper Jack Reilly.

Kosmina will break through to help give West victory.

Kosmina should make a little improvement when he last plays only one goal to Marconi last week, but I doubt that the Saints will make an impression on Dixie Deans' Adelaide City at St George Stadium on Sunday.

One of the closest games of the round will be in Brisbane where Brisbane City meets Canberra on Sunday.

Both excelled in defence when they notched scoreless draws last Sunday. This time Brisbane City will open up to score a home victory, but its forwards do not look strong enough to beat Canberra.

Danny Moulis will probably be assigned to mark Kevin Low, Mike Milovanovic should be able to handle Kevin Caldwell and Roy Starke and John

Brown should, between them, be able to snuff out Terry Kelso.

The likely result is a draw. — LARRY SCHWAB. **MORE PSL PREVIEWS ON PAGE 7.**

## TASMANIA

Results of the Tasmanian "Radio Rentals" State League:

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APIA-Leichhardt v Heidelberg Utd, Sunday 3 pm.

### IN MELBOURNE

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Footscray v Marconi, Olympic Park, Monday, 3 pm.

### IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

### IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v Canberra City, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.



ABOVE: Heidelberg's Branko Buljevic tries a volley while airborne. At left is George Potter of Brisbane City and behind them Jim Campbell.



LEFT: Brisbane City goalkeeper Kim Wishart, who prevented a goal by Gary Cole in the last few minutes. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

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Laurie Schwab

HEIDELBERG 0  
BRISB. CITY 0

Ground: Olympic Park.  
Weather: Cool, overcast.  
Crowd: About 6000.  
Referee: Stewart Mallings (VIC) 8

Cautions: Wilkinson, Ech-  
evier (BC).

On chances alone, Heidelberg deserved to win this game narrowly. The fact that Heidelberg didn't win is a credit to Brisbane City's excellent defence and its keeper Kim Wishart.

City didn't have much in midfield or attack but its defence was resolute, well organised and took few chances. George Potter swept up professionally. Peter Tokos kept a close watch on Gary Cole, Steve Perry was ever watchful for danger that threatened not only his own flank but also the middle, and never-back Bill Wilkinson was most impressive, especially in the second half when he shuffled out some dangerous Heidelberg raids.

Neither Perry nor Wilkinson attacked from their full back position, but doubt they are much more adventurous when playing at home. Similarly, midfielders Frank Pimblett, Robert Ech-  
evier and John Coyne did not venture far forward, for fear of leaving gaps.

Yet despite Brisbane's singularity of purpose, Heidelberg had the ascendancy on this occasion.

The best of these shots from inside the penalty area by Branko Buljevic and Gary Cole were saved brilliantly by goalkeeper Wishart.

Buljevic worked extremely hard not only at getting into shooting positions but also at dropping back to build up the type of moves that weren't coming from the midfield. Jim Campbell did likewise and Cole remained a threat despite the marking of Tokos.

But Jimmy Rooney had one of his quiet days in midfield, and the drive normally provided down the left by Jim Tansey was missing. When Tansey did push forward, he did not deliver the ball men calling for it in the open.

Arthur McMillan on the other side pushed up quite well but took a big chance in leaving Kevin Low like the other Brisbane forwards had an off day.

Heidelberg's goalkeeper Yakkha Banovic had an attack of the jitters, as he did against South Melbourne a few weeks ago. He twice dropped the ball, creating situations in which Brisbane's forwards could have scored, had they been more alert.

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Alex Vesic

MARCONI 2  
ST GEORGE 1

Ground: Marconi Oval  
Crowd: 4356  
Referee: J. Reeves 6

Scorers: Degney, Sharne (Marconi), Keith (SG).

Marconi laboured against St George for more than two quick goals to seal the game and take the two points. Marconi's coach Les Scheinfug was pleased to have won two points, but is not very happy with the way his team is playing at the moment.

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He was brought down in the second minute of the game by George Harris and from a resultant free kick by Ivo Prakalo Marconi almost scored.

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son.

The tall midfielder pushed the ball across the area, but it bounced off a defender and landed 20 metres from goal.

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Ten minutes after the restart, Mark Jankovic had an ideal opportunity to score. Rudolf Della Picca tried to trip Jankovic, but the Marconi forward regained his feet and was about to get to the ball before Coe, but the referee brought the play back for a foul on Jankovic, and promptly booked Della Picca!

St George retaliated through Roy Cotton seven minutes later. He managed to go past Prakalo, but muffed a great chance by skying the ball over the bar.

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Tony Raciti

OLYMPIC 0  
APIA 2

Ground: Olympic Oval  
Crowd: 16th min, Stone (Apia) 86th min

Referee: J. Reeves 6  
Scorers: Degney, Sharne (Marconi), Keith (SG).

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Bruce Waddell

LIONS 2  
STH MELB 0

Scorers: Hughes 65th, Brennan 70th  
Ground — Perry Park.  
Weather — Sunny and humid.

Crowd — about 1500.  
Cautions — Hughes (L).  
Referee — Tony Bosko-  
vic, rating 9.

Brisbane Lions, after losing twice in succession, snapped out of the doldrums by beating the beleaguered and grossly disappointing South Melbourne 2-0 at Perry Park.

How a team like South Melbourne, with such a wealth of talent, even allowing for its off-field worries, can play with such a lack of flair, is nothing short of amazing.

Admittedly, Lions in the first half were little better. Neither goalkeeper was tested at any stage and whatever promising moves were created were constantly ruined by offside infringements.

But Lions in the second half were little better. Neither goalkeeper was tested at any stage and whatever promising moves were created were constantly ruined by offside infringements.

The only highlight of the first half, if one could call it that, was a mysterious incident involving Alan Evans and Colin Bennett, when the South Melbourne striker was left clutching his forehead.

Despite the total absence of good football, Lions did manage to give their supporters faint hope on three occasions, the best when young Tom McGregor had a shot cooly converted by former Scottish under-23 international Eric Carruthers.

Olympic fought back strongly and should have equalised just five minutes later.

Peter Raskopoulos won a midfield duel with Ray Richards before serving the ball to Alan Ainalis who was over-lapping on the right.

Ainslie crossed the ball to lanky striker Alex Jamie-  
son at the far post.

Jamieson collected the ball and had no choice but to tackle the former Socceroo winger from behind.

Brett Laidlow was unable to get to the ball before the ball was blocked by Chris Kalafatis.

George Campbell found it impossible to work his way past either Ian Lawrie or John Russell down the left and Evans' effort was negated by Bennett and Jim Hermiston, leaving South Melbourne with an alarming lack of penetration.

Dave McLaren's move of replacing lethargic Duncan Cummings with Ken Drakeford paid a little dividend, but the real turning point came with two late substitutions.

Big Frank Munro limped off in the 54th minute and Bertie Lutton came into the midfield. From then on South's defence was in disarray for long periods.

And in the 57th minute, Lions' striker Tony Brennan beat Bertie Lutton to the far post but it narrowly missed the target.

In between, elusive Graham Hays had Newcastle's best chance of the half when he pivoted and struck a super 15 metre volley just past the far post.

City began the second half in an aggressive mood and after just five minutes Johnny Nyakohus blasted a fierce shot against the foot of the post.

Eight minutes later Aggie Muniz fired a power drive with Dando beaten but fortunately Newcastle's defence held firm.

From that point it appeared Newcastle was content to draw the match.

But City began to fire on all cylinders and it was only some good goalkeeping and extraordinary luck which enabled Newcastle to hold out.

Chris Kent began the late City onslaught with a brilliant 30-metre shot which Dando diverted for a corner.

City forced a succession of corner kicks but they accounted to nothing.

City coach Ray Basic replaced Gary Marocchi, well below his best, with Robert Marw, but the move had no effect.

Newcastle came extremely close to snatching an undeserved win in the 85th minute when Ken Boden, in a good position, should have scored with the City defence in shambles.

But he blasted the ball over the bar.

Moments later City keeper Peter Marshall made a fine fingertip save from a cross and the clearance was swept upfield where City almost netted.

It was Deans again who threatened when he leapt brilliantly to head to the far post but Dando saved the attempt.

City, yet to win at home, but unbeaten away travels to Sydney this week to face St. George and if it maintains that second-half form, will come back to Adelaide with two points.

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Within minutes West Adelaide came close when a free-kick from Bozanic took a deflection and left Canberra keeper Hozowski wide-footed and with his heart in his mouth, as he watched it roll only inches past the post.

Graeme Morris replaced Hozowski up front in a bid to give West Adelaide renewed strike power. It didn't work, as Canberra finished the stronger.

The only difficulty is the Portuguese club's reluctance to release its skipper before the end of the season.

Meno Toutsidis

ADELAIDE C. 0  
NEWCASTLE 0

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.  
Field.

Weather — Mild  
Attendance: 5100  
Referee: Don Campbell.

Adelaide City showed glimpses of its best form in a power-charged second half when league leader Newcastle was forced to defend desperately.

Newcastle's defence was given a torrid time by the league's top scorer Dixie Deans who threatened to destroy the visitors.

But Newcastle, despite the point lost, should be happy with the result.

Few teams will beat City at Olympic Sports Field this season, particularly if City repeats its second-half performance.

But there were flaws in City's game.

The midfield (with the exception of Brian Northcote) is still not firing, while the defence is still a bit brittle.

The star of the match was undoubtedly Deans.

He was in splendid form. It took him only nine minutes to power a header at Newcastle's goal but unfortunately Deans was undoubtedly Deans.

Deans came close again in the 33rd minute when he deflected a great header to the far post but it narrowly missed the target.

In between, elusive Graham Hays had Newcastle's best chance of the half when he pivoted and struck a super 15 metre volley just past the far post.

It was only the West Adelaide team which impressed and took premiership honours in 1978. Like Canberra, Wests lack punch in attack.

The presence of former Socceroo striker John Kosmina, back playing his first game for Wests after returning from Arsenal, didn't help Wests forward problems.

Kosmina was contained by Stephen Hogg, Canberra's 13th minute replacement for the injured Isaac Farrell.

Hogg — only 19 — was more than Kosmina's equal.

And Canberra's other teenagers Danny Moullis and Mike Milovanovic — also played exceptionally well. Moullis, despite severe stomach pains, played for the second half, excelled himself, had a fierce shot against the foot of the post.

West Adelaide's man of the match was goalkeeper Marty Crook. He made many fine saves and his ability in the air was brilliant.

Canberra, playing 4-4-2 and West Adelaide 4-3-3 both used the crossfield approach and tried to play thoughtful, constructive football.

But tackling was always rugged and occasionally spiteful and dangerous. But Brian Northcote had the game flow and it worked.

Canberra was first to hit its straps when Terry Byrne pushed the ball back to Johnny Davies, Canberra's mid-fielder. He mishit the ball and put it yards over the bar. It was one of few things Davies did wrong.

He knows he is in contention for a Socceroo berth and played like a man inspired.

Canberra's first good chance came after 16 minutes when a hard hit ball by Luis Salgado flashed across the goalmouth and beat for an outstretched boot to connect.

Byrne tried, but just missed and the cross went wide. Six minutes later Con Kambas' header to clear a goalmouth muddle went to Canberra's Jimmy Cant and his volleyed first-time attempt was not far wide.

Then came a quick, first time shot from Byrne and Crook saved well. He again saved minutes later when Deans let go a 30-metre pilerider.

It looked to have 'goal' written all over it, but somehow Crook found himself across his goal to connect.

West Adelaide did not have one genuine attempt at goal throughout the first 45 minutes.

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Peter Windsor

CANBERRA 0  
WEST ADEL. 0

Ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra

Crowd: 4520  
Weather: Fine and sunny

Referee: Jack Wood (Qld) 7.

After 90 minutes of rugged but entertaining soccer at Canberra's Bruce Stadium, Canberra City supporters over a loud bugle provided almost all the excitement until the latter part of the match at Wentworth Park.

One would have thought the objector to the bugle would have been grateful for any sign of life, lost all of the sparse crowd fell asleep in the pleasant autumn sunshine.

Sydney City took an early lead in the 6th minute when a nippy Joe Watson managed to score from close range when surrounded by a ring of Footscray defenders.

From then on Footscray, which has something of a reputation for attractive Continental-style soccer, pushed the ball around in midfield but failed almost totally to make any use of its dangerous strikers Joe Palinkas and Mendo Ristovski.

Perhaps the slow-motion football had something to do with what some of the Footscray players later described as an inordinately early departure from Melbourne.

They claimed it was necessary to get up before seven o'clock in the morning to catch a 9 o'clock plane.

If it was sleeplessness they were suffering from, it certainly showed in their play but, surprisingly enough, the symptoms also spread to Sydney City for two-thirds of the game.

The change in the home side's attitude occurred only after the ever-busy Ernie Campbell drove home a scorching shot in the 68th minute, which deflected slightly off a defender to leave goalie Steve Potter floundering.

Joy over the goal was not diminished by what seemed to be a possible handball by Terry Smith in the preceding melee.

However, in fairness, none of the visitors complained over what probably was an unintentional incident.

With two goals in the bag, City suddenly had visions of a second bonus point in as many weeks and played for the crossfield approach and tried to play thoughtful, constructive football.

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But in the second half, only two shots really troubled keeper Steve Hozowski, these coming from Barry Reynolds and Peter Boyle.

Coach Cedo Cirkovic must be concerned not so much over his team's loss, but rather the manner of its demise.

While some of the close-passing skills were on display yesterday, will power, guts and determination were totally absent from the repertoire of most of the Footscray players on the day — a day they will want to forget in a hurry.

Peter Scott

SYDNEY C. 3  
FOOTSCRAY 0

# SUPER-STRIKERS ON SHOW

BY  
LAURIE  
SCHWAB

Three of the best strikers in the Philips League — Ken Boden, Clive Eaton and Dave McIntosh — are the men to watch as Newcastle and Olympic, the big improvers of the Philips League, prepare to test each other out on Saturday.

The big match will be played at the International Sports Centre, Newcastle, at 2.30 pm, and it should draw a crowd comparable with some of Newcastle's best attendances of 1978.

Alan Vest's Newcastle and Joe Marston's Olympic have captured the public's imagination with their early season form since both were struggling last year.

Both coaches are former international players themselves, having played World Cup football for New Zealand and Marston being a former captain of the Socceroos.

International players on show in the game are Roy Drinkwater and Phil Dando who represented New Zealand, and Ken Boden, Col Curran, Richie Bell and Alan Ainalie, who have played for Australia.

To throw in another youth international Malcolm McClelland, Peter Tredinnick and Peter Raskopoulos. In short, there's talent galore on show at the Sports Centre on Saturday.

But back to those match-winning strikers. Boden and Eaton were equal top scorers in the Philips League last season, but it was Eaton who won "Soccer Action's" award over Cup goals were counted to break the deadlock.

It turned out well, as Boden had earlier won our Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award — a return trip to Europe.

Both players will be subjected to close attention from defenders on Saturday. Boden will be up against Richie Bell and Ken Wilson, while Eaton will face the combined might of Bill Summerscales and Roy Drinkwater.

Luckily for both strikers, they will have talented men supporting them in attack. Graham Heys and Ian Seddon take some of the weight off Boden, while Derek Laing and McIntosh support Eaton.

## Marconi had a dose of the JUST blues

The clash between Footscray JUST and Marconi at Olympic Park on Easter Monday, April 16, holds special significance for Marconi's players and officials.

In the last match of the 1977 season, it was Footscray that deprived Marconi of the championship title.

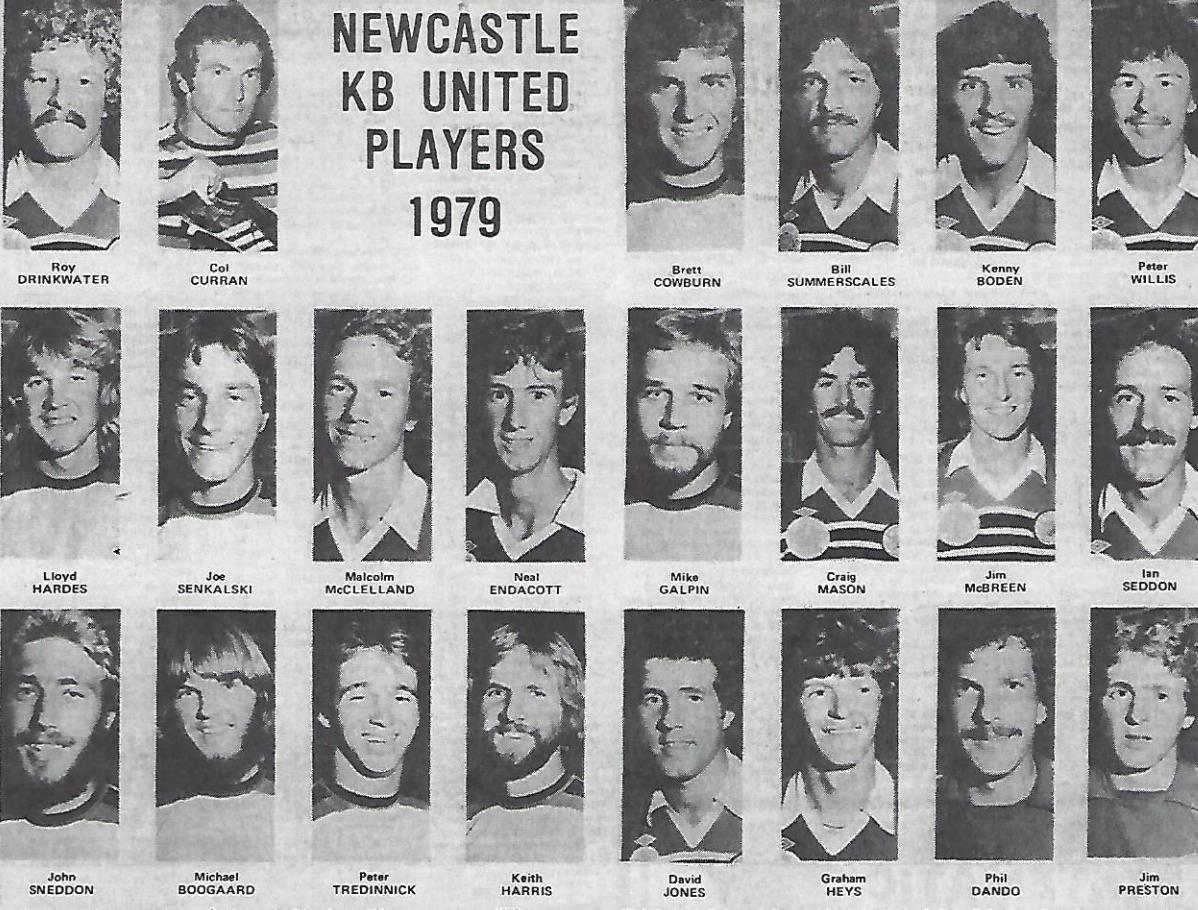
Provided league leader Sydney City dropped a point to Olympic in the last match, Marconi could surge to the top of the ladder by beating Footscray 5-0.

As it turned out, Sydney City was held to a scoreless draw by Olympic in Sydney, and Marconi built up a 4-0 lead against Footscray at Middle Park.

Everyone who watched that match felt certain Marconi would add at least one more goal to grab the title, but it failed to be.

Suddenly, Footscray cut loose. Marconi paid dearly for slack marking as John Nicolades, Dragos Vasic and Joe Pliocene scored three goals in the last eight minutes to make the final score 4-3.

The final league ladder thus showed the first two places as follows:



Living is one of the most attractive wingers in the league, and McIntosh has turned into one of the strongest strikers since being switched from defence.

Before last weekend's round, Newcastle had scored 10 goals, the highest total in the league, so this promises to be a match full of attacking flair. If the home team wins convincingly, it may really

become a candidate for the PSL title.

likely teams:

**NEWCASTLE:** Dando — Willis, Summerscales, Drinkwater, Curran — McClelland, Seddon, Cowburn — Heys, Boden, Tredinnick.

**OLYMPIC:** Meier — Palmer, Bell, Wilson, Ainslie — Cross, Raskopoulos, Jamieson — Laing, Eaton, McIntosh.

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Alinalie) 77.  
NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 (Boden) 69.5.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, crowd 6281. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

**NEWCASTLE:** Dando 6 — Willis 6, Drinkwater 8, Summerscales 7, Curran 6 — Heys 7, Mason 6, Amey 6 — Catalovski 7 (Tredinnick, 7).

Galph 5 — Hardes 6, Boden 7, Endacott 5 (Catalovski, 6, 57th). Total: 69.5.

**OLYMPIC:** Meier 6 — McIntosh 7, G. Allan 7, Markland 6, Palmer 6 — Cross 6, Jamieson 7, Alinalie 7 — Laing 6 — D. Allan 6, Senkalski 7. Total: 71.

Best players in games between Newcastle and Olympic:

**OLYMPIC:** G. Allan.

**NEWCASTLE:** G. Allan.

Olympic's advantage in figures:

W D L F A Pt

1 1 0 2 1

— LAURIE SCHWAB

challenge for the championship. To realise this aim, coach Cedo Cirkovic is looking for ever-improving play from Yugoslav recruits Slobodan Jovanovic (midfield) and Radoslav Jovicic (centre back).

Footscray must work harder at playing forward rather than sideways and backwards, and Jovicic must tighten his marking.

Likely team:

**FOOTSCRAY:** Potter — Iloski, Kondaric, Jovicic, Ljubic — Rustic, Pliocene, Jovanovic — Palinkas, Ollerton, Ristovski.

**MARCONI:** Maher — Brogan, Prskalo, Russel, Degney, Vieri, Henderson, Byrne — Sharne, Janovic, Krmevic.

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24 points

**FOOTSCRAY:** JUST 2 (Russek, Nicolades) at Marconi Oval, crowd 3000, Ratings by Alex Vasic:

**MARCONI:** Maher 7 — Bryne 5, Prskalo 6, Russel 6, Degney 5 — Richards, Vieri 6, Rooney 5 — Janovic 6 (Nicolades 5, 37th min), Marani 7, Sharne 8. Total: 75.5.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Boland 8 — Hazlewood, Kozak, Kondaric, Ljubic, Milne 8 — Horgan 7, Pliocene 7, Ristovski 7, Ljubic 8, Vasic 7, Nicolades 6 (Nicolades 69th).

Marconi 8. Total: 75.

Best players in games between

Marconi and Footscray:

**MARCONI:** 8.0 Rooney,

7.5 Prskalo, Sharne, Maher.

**FOOTSCRAY:** 8.0 Boland,

7.5 Ristovski.

Number of appearances by

players in games between the clubs:

**MARCONI:** 4. Maher, Bryne, Prskalo, Degney, Rooney, Marani, Sharne.

3. Russel, Richards, Vieri.

2. Jankovic, Horgan, Campbell.

1. Williams, Robertson, Hucker.

**FOOTSCRAY:** 4. Kondaric, Iloski, Pliocene, Ristovski, Ljubic.

3. Kozak, Kozak, Kondaric, Ljubic, Milne.

2. Hazlewood, Ljubic, Vasic, Nicolades.

1. Horgan, Ristovski, Ljubic, Milne, Vasic.

Marconi's advantage expressed in figures:

W D L F A Pt

3 0 1 8 5

Scores in games between the teams:

**MARCONI:** 3 Rooney,

2 Marani,

1 Sharne.

**FOOTSCRAY:** 1. Parrott, Milne.

2. Nicolades.

1 Ristovski, Vasic, Pliocene.

Marconi sweeper Ivo Prskalo grimaces and raises his hands to protect his face as he is hit by a shot from Footscray's Mendo Ristovski (right), in a PSL practice match. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

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W D L F A Pt

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# THE FINAL LISTS

For those Victorian State League fans who have missed the transfer news pre-season, during the Ampol and Dockerty Cups, 'Soccer Action' publishes a complete list of clubs' playing staffs. The list includes players brought to the individual clubs, as well as news on 1978 players.

## ALBION ROVERS

### Retained

Bobby NISBETT

Alex WARK

Steve BLAIR

Mike MITTEN

Mike D'SYLA

Kit MCCORMACK

Kit GREECHAN.

**New**

Bill JOHNSON (Sunshine City)

Steve GATT (Juniors)

Gordon STEVENS (Scotland)

Alastair DENHAM (Scotland)

Dave MCNEIL (Altona City)

Hugh STEWART (Scotland)

Frank MCLEOD (Scotland)

David STOKES (Ireland)

Dave MCNEIL (Altona City)

**Off**

Noel MITTEN (Frankston City)

Jeff OLIVER (Heidelberg Utd)

John DAVIDSON (Perth City)

Danny MCCLUSKY (Frankston City)

**Mick EMIN (Royal Park)**

**Jim DAPERIS (Western Subs)**

**Jim GREEN (Injured)**

**Gordon BENTLEY (Doveton)**

**Transfer-listed**

**George MAIKOOSIS**

**Frank CAMPBELL**

**Alan QUINN (free)**

**Jimmy JOHNSTONE (free)**

**Alton Rovers' confident new**

**coach, Jim Wilson, will**

**be a star in the State League**

**Stewart, a forward/midfielder,**

**comes from the Ayshire League.**

**Kit Greechan will be unavail-**

**able for six weeks because he is**

**on holiday overseas, and young**

**forward Mick D'Syla will be**

**out for a month with a knee injury.**

**ALTONA CITY**

**Retained**

Hans VAN DER POEL

Dennis MESSENI

Rob GRAMBERGEN

Peter LEWIS

Geoff TRAIN

Richard PLESSA

Keith MURRAY

Kevin KELLY

George WATTERS

Net LITTLE

Bob TAYLOR

Con IGNATIDIS

**New**

Terry BANAGAN (Sunshine City)

Harry HIRD (England)

Billy WHITE (Geelong)

John LITTLE (Juniors)

Richard BUCKLEY (Juniors)

Harry CRAW (Scotland)

**Off**

Alan DAVIDSON (South Mel-

bourne)

Kevin WILSON (returning to

England)

Steve MCLOMBE

Alan PONGHO

Mike MCNAUL

Pat LOWREY

Duncan SMITH

Charlie MURPHY

Charlie KELLY

Branko CULINA

Carl CILDER

Silvano FRANIN

**New**

Peter BLASBY (Heidelberg Utd)

Keith ADAMS (Ringwood City)

Steve SHORT (Slavia)

Ned COTIC (Juniors)

Zeljko LONCAR (Juniors)

Ned BATINOVIC (Juniors)

Phil VUK (Juniors)

Ivan ISTVAN (Juniors)

**Off**

Yakka BANOVIC (Heidelberg Utd)

Eddie KRNEVIC (Marconie)

Bill VOJTEK (Green Gully)

Dave IESAN (Azzurri, SA)

Howard ANDREWS (retired)

**Transfer-listed**

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Roy LAWTON

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joined Croydon from Scottish



**Dave Rigby — joined Hakoah from Adelaide City.**

Rigby will miss four weeks with a collarbone injury.

## CRYDON

### Retained

Mick EDWARDS

Tom KELLY

Jimmy SPINK

Steve MCLOMBE

Alan PONGHO

Mike MCNAUL

Pat LOWREY

Duncan SMITH

Charlie MURPHY

Charlie KELLY

Branko CULINA

Carl CILDER

Silvano FRANIN

**New**

Reg MORTON (Waverley City)

Dave BROGHEN (Scotland)

Paul PRIESTLEY (Mooroolbark)

Harry MCKINLAY (Scotland)

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## ESSENDON CROATIA

### Retained

Mike FRANJIC

Jim PETROVSKI

Grant SMITH

Mike BLAVER

Steve KOKOSKA

Ken MURRAY

Alan KERR

Branko CULINA

Tommy CUMMING

Carl CILDER

Silvano FRANIN

**New**

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Keith ADAMS (Ringwood City)

Steve SHORT (Slavia)

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Ned BATINOVIC (Juniors)

Phil VUK (Juniors)

Ivan ISTVAN (Juniors)

**Transfer-listed**

John GARDINER

Brian DAVIDSON

John WALLACE

Essendon Croatia will bring re-

placements from overseas to

strengthen the playing squad.

Croatia lost seven players from

last season's first team squad, five

of whom were regulars.

**Howard Andrews** is unde-

signed about his future in soccer,

and former player coach **John**

**McGinnis** is waiting for an offer

to join Preston Makedonia.

**Brian Davidson** wants to play

in Tasmania, but hasn't yet been

transferred.

## FRANKSTON

### Retained

Frank PETERSEN

Vince BANNON

Alex TULLOCH

Alan BURRITT

John BURRITT

Bob ADAMS

Keith WEBSTER

Ged BANNON

Norrie CAMPBELL

**New**

Neil MITTEN (Altona Rovers)

Willie COULSON (Ringwood

City)

Kevin SWINSCOKE (England)

Tony YOUNG (England)

Bruce YOUNG (England)

Paul MARTIN (England)

Dave COOPER (Waverley City)

Danny MCCLUSKY (Altona Ro-

vers)

Dave GILBERT (Juniors).

**Off**

Abe BROWN (Returned to

Sandy IRVINE (Morell Fal-

cons)

Gordon MacGREGOR (Scot-

land)

Gus EADIE (America)

Tenny FOX (Dandenong City)

Con FAKOS (Doveton)

Nick BURGESS (Retired)

**Transfer-listed**

Andy SAVAGE

Eric GILLESPIE

Ian WILLIAMSON

Mark DALL

Emrie MERRICKS

Midfielder **Abe Brown** shock-

ed Frankston by announcing his

departure after playing only four

years with the Bayside club.

**Alex Tulloch** will be out six

weeks with a broken ankle.

The main players will be

added to the transfer list, as

Frankston's squad is already

full. Two guest players — Martin

Peters of Norwich City and

Eamon BANNON of Chelsea —

are expected to play with Frankston

this season.

**GEORGE CROSS**

**Retained**

Gerry RICE

Svez MATSSON

Phil CUTAJAN

Derek MULLEN

Norm WILKINSON

Tony CASTELLO

Robert MIRAK

Jim PAPARAS

FRANK MIFSUD

Tony SCICLUNA

**New**

Ray MIZZI (Thomastown)

Brian THOM (Ringwood

City)

Steve SODONACO (Trestina)

Laurie BILUSIC (Juniors)

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**Transfer-listed**

Kev WALKER (Fawkner)

Uli PFISTERER (temporary retire-

ment)

Mick WATKINS (returned to

Scotland)

John HOTSON (returned to Scot-

land)

Jim ARMSTRONG (Shepparton)

**Juventus** was forced to go

into the transfer market after

## ALTONA 2 SUNSHINE 2

Scorers: Sunshine - D. Nelson 1st, Paisley 22nd  
Altona - Lewis 36th, Taylor 44th  
Ground: Kim Reserve, Altona

Crowd: 200  
Weather: fine  
Cautions: Kelly (A), Dixey (s)

Referee: Jim Fokianos 5  
ALTONA CITY: van der Poel 6, Lewis 7, Plessie 8, Murray 7, Train 6, Andy Webster 10 (Wylie 75th min), Whyte 8, Taylor 11, Little 5 (J. Little 7th min), Hird 5.5. Total: 89  
SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke 8, Dixey 6, Lowe 7, Morovic 5, Howe 6, Muzzel 5, R. Nelson 5, Esposito 6, Paisley 7, Christodoulis 4 (Ling 87th min), D. Nelson 8. Total: 85.

Altona must be angry with itself after throwing away a point in its match with Sunshine City.

Despite conceding a goal in the first minute, and being 0-2 down at the 22 minute mark, Altona was the better team for most of the game and should have taken two points.

Sunshine had three attacks that produced two goals in the first half, while Altona battered away at Sunshine's goal for most of the half. However, it wasn't until the last nine minutes of the first half that Altona turned its superiority into goals.

Full back Peter Lewis had a hand in both goals for Altona, which gave him the opportunity to wisecrack at his former team mates.

Lewis scored Altona's first goal after a mistake by young Sunshine centre half Dennis Morovic. Kevin Kelly floated a free kick into the Sunshine penalty area, where it spilled free after several players challenged in the air. Morovic had a chance to clear, but the ball sliced off his boot to Lewis, who was unmarked in space.

Lewis had time to pick his spot and hit a hard drive past Sunshine's goal keeper Peter Clarke, signing off with a free transfer from Preston St. Albans.

A minute before half time, Lewis climbed well over a rock of players to head powerfully at goal from a Nat Little corner.

Striker Bob Taylor was in the six-yard box, and turned the ball into the net with Clarke unmarked.

It was justice that Altona equalised. It played far more creative soccer, and had plenty of chances to score.

New player: Billy Whyte had a great debut for Altona. Whyte has been in Australia only three weeks, and was living in Geelong when invited to train with the club.

In Scotland, Whyte played with Queens Park for three years before turning to England to play with non-league clubs Hendon, Leytonstone and Barnet.

Whyte impressed with his ability to be in space when the ball was coming out of defence, and his distribution of accurate left-foot passes.

He reads the game well, and has the confidence and ability to develop into a top playmaker with Altona.

It was the drive of Whyte on the left side in the first half which

## GREEN GULLY 1 HAKOAH 1

Scorers: Perkins (GG) 34th, Rigby (HG) 92nd.  
Ground: Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans.

Crowd: 320.  
Weather: overcast.  
Referee: J. Fearn.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denye Donaldson, Klarin, Cain, Petten, McCarthy, Vojtek, Vassallo (Grilly), Begl (Smith), Carr, Perkins.

HAKOAH ST. KILDA: Whitside, Allison, Gadsby, Dosen, Baker, Blair, Rigby, Jordano, Lou, French, Bozynowski.

At one of the Green Gully/Hakoah games played last weekend, Green Gully deserved to win by a couple of goals and Hakoah never looked dangerous.

"We should have won 3-0," said Ajax player/coach Billy Vojtek. "Hakoah never looked like scoring, and we were the better team."

Somewhere in Melbourne, on the same day, Green Gully and Hakoah played again. This time, Hakoah was easily the better.

"Hakoah could easily have won 7-1," said president Dennis Krongold. "It was getting embarrassing because we were missing so many goals."

Readers may be a little confused, so let's put the record straight. Green Gully and Ajax played only one game on the

gave Altona command of the game. Aided by George Watters, who was supporting his strikers well up the right flank, Altona had control of the game.

This is where Sunshine fell down badly. Midfielders Rob Nelson, Andy Esposito and Frank McMillan didn't venture forward enough. Nelson in particular was very subdued, and played a dead-lying role all the game.

The work up front was left to Dave Nelson, who battered all day and showed his class and Michael Paisley, whose sheer persistence was a menace to Altona.

An example of Paisley's spirit was shown when he scored his team's second goal. After a cross from the left, Sunshine player pushed the ball towards goal amongst a tangle of legs. The shot was not well struck, but bounded awkwardly for goalkeeper Hans van der Poel, who could only parry the shot.

Watters had a hand in Sunshine's shock first minute goal. He passed a ball for Dave Nelson to run onto. Nelson made no mistake in converting the chance into a goal.

Bob Taylor worked tirelessly for Altona, but Nat Little and Harry Hird were disappointing.

In defence, Richard Plessie was drafted in because of the absence of Rob Gramberger. I don't think the combination of Plessie and Keith Murray is strong enough to hold the State League's top strikers.

Murray had a hand with his tackling, and general defensive work, but he may lack the pace to be effective at covering in the back four.

As well, Altona's tactic of using the offside trap sometimes caused more trouble than good.

Sunshine's Dennis Morovic will obviously need time to settle with State League football. The tall youngster has the potential, but will be challenged for a position in the team by Steve Ellis, the centre back from last season currently warming the bench at Sunshine games.

Sunshine will get better. Its defence is still not decisive, but the midfield lacks attacking and the forward line a central figure to take the brunt of the physical work. Paisley and Dave Nelson haven't the build to be target men.

The second half followed much the same pattern of the first. Altona attacked strongly for the first 20 minutes, but failed to score.

Sunshine then started to counter attack and almost caught Altona a couple of times. Paisley was through but overran the ball and allowed van der Poel to save. Later Paisley shot wide after Dave Nelson had capitalised on a mistake by Kelly and George Train and sent a through ball.

Again, Sunshine's new Scottish recruit Robert Cawdron arrived this week, and he may make his debut against Green Gully this weekend. - KYLE PATTERSON.

# VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

- with Kyle Patterson

## CROYDON 0

SLAVIA 0  
Ground: Croydon Park, Croydon

Crowd: 1000  
Weather: overcast

Referee: N. Karlich

CROYDON CITY: Morton, Spink, Pongoh, McCombe, Hobson, Sinclair, Smith, Broghan, Lowrey, Prestle, Trout

PRAHAN SLAVIA: McPherson, Thompson, Westley, Yzendoorn, Pye, Brindle, Train, Tutt, Williams, Aldridge, Paton

Croydon City coach Mike Plunkett omitted striker Roy Hamilton for the first time since he burst into the team early last season.

Hamilton, who was Croydon's top goalscorer last season, has not shown the same form this displayed last season. Illness has been partly blamed for Roy's lack of form.

Jim Wylie, who along with Hamilton created so much havoc for First Division defences last season, was not included in the Croydon starting 11, although he made an appearance as a substitute.

Paul Prestle looks certain to get an extended run in the Croydon first team, and with new Scottish recruit Harry McKinlay in training, the newly-promoted club could well have a resurrected forward line.

Prestle comes from Moorabbin Utd, where he played several games in the Philips League. McKinlay played with Scottish Second Division club Cowdenbeath.

Although the game finished a 0-0 draw, the entertainment was there for the spectators. Both sides had good scoring chances but one goal would have settled the matter.

For Croydon the result is encouraging. The last time the two teams met, Slavia triumphed 5-1, so Croydon has shown a marked improvement.

Secondly, it's only the second time this season (after nearly a dozen games) that Croydon hasn't conceded a goal. In the other games an 11th thrashing of Essendon, Croydon's defence has improved dramatically, especially after its recent indifferent displays.

Croydon learned from its 1-5 drubbing by Slavia, and paid a lot more attention to Jamie Paton, Steve McCombe, marked Paton when the team last met, but this time the faster, more mobile Alan Pongho was given the task.

He watched Paton like a hawk, but the State team striker still managed to get away on a few occasions. His only real chance at goal came when he picked up a loose ball and hammered a shot at goal. Reg Morton rescued with a good save.

Steve Aldridge had another fine game, and Jim Williams was a threat to Croydon, despite the close marking of full back Jimmy Spink.

Dave Broghan was again in top form for Croydon, and Slavia's Jim Train was a useful player.

Croydon again included Mike Sinclair in midfield. It's obvious Croydon intends to be a tight defensive team this season. Sinclair, normally a back four player, gives the Croydon midfield two defensive players. Duncan Smith is the other destroyer.

However, this tactic should not hinder Croydon. Broghan attacks well from midfield, and with Joe Trout and Pat Lowrey roaming the forward line, Croydon has enough creativity to score goals.

Slavia stuck to the same basic team which brought considerable success in the Ampol Cup and has progressed to the Dockey Cup semi finals.

David Perkins scored a goal that put Ajax one goal ahead. He scored the goal after Billy Vojtek played a 1-2 with striker Steve Carr, then slipped the ball past defender Steve Gadsby. Perkins received Vojtek's pass and shot into the net.

Ajax scored its first goal after approximately 35 minutes of play. Green Gully held that lead until the 92nd minute of the game when Dave Rigby scored an equaliser. That made the score 1-1.

When the final whistle blew, the score was still 1-1, so each team received one point each.

Slavia included Colin Allison, a former Melbourne player. Allison was born right back, a position that is strange to him. His previous appearances in the first team have been as a right winger.

He is still a teenager, so is young enough to adapt and become a defender.

John Daperis, who played right back last week against Preston Macedon, was out suspended. Daperis was shown the red card by referee Nick Karlich in the dressing room after the game. During the play, he was booked for dissent, and further discussion with the ref. led him being sent off.

At the risk of causing argument, the best players were reported to be Mick Klarin, Billy Vojtek, Dave Perkins (Ajax), Steve Gadsby, Michael Loh and Stuart Blair (Hakoah).

## ALBION 1

### CROATIA 0

Ground: Selwyn Park, Sunshine

Crowd: 1500  
Weather: overcast

Referee: D. Yelland

ESSENDON CROATIA: Blahey, Smart, Cotic, Kokoska, Blahey, Adams, Murphy, Short, Cummings, Glider, Wylie (70th min).

PRAHAN SLAVIA: McPherson, Thompson, Westley, Yzendoorn, Pye, Brindle, Train, Tutt, Williams, Aldridge, Paton

Albion City coach Mike Plunkett omitted striker Roy Hamilton for the first time since he burst into the team early last season.

The strategy of coach Bill McArthur worked perfectly as Albion Rovers caused a major shock in downing 1978 State League champion Essendon Croatia.

McArthur based Albion's game on defence and set out a team well-drilled for its task.

He switched Bobby Nisbet, a cool and fleet-footed full back into the sweeper position to cover the dual centre back combination of Steven Blair and Alex Wark.

Wark and Blair are both strong and tall players, with outstanding defensive qualities. Flanking these three players were youngster Tony Gatt, in his first season in the State League, and another new recruit, Harry McKinlay.

McLeod made his debut for Albion in the Ampol Cup as a bulldozing forward. Switched to full back, he adapted well, and kept a tight reign on Branko Culina.

Culina received a heavy knock early from McLeod, which put him out of the game.

Young Gatt was given the difficult task of marking speedy winger Tommy Cummings.

Cummings is a dangerous player, but rarely escaped Gatt. Gatt never gave in and kept at Cummings all the time.

Adding this five-man defence was Bill McCormack, who was pulled back into midfield because of his massive frame, which would help negate Croatia. The hard-working Kit Grecham and the experienced Billy McIntryre also played in midfield.

Up front, McArthur played two fast, elusive players. Scottish import Alastair Denham is a classy player, and teamed up with the persistent Dave McNeil in the forward line.

Albion had the intention of forcing the pace, and set back, content to defend. Croatia had to attack and try and break down the Albion rearguard.

Croatia had many excellent chances to score, but once past the five-man blockade, had to beat Bill Johnson in goals, who been in fine form of late.

Johnson made several good saves, but on other occasions, it was the poor finishing of Essendon players which saw moves come to nothing.

Tommy Cummings had an excellent chance, beating two players before rounding Johnson. Faced with an open goal, he hit a weak shot, which allowed McLeod to clear off the line.

Croatia attacked and attacked, but to no avail. The second half saw Essendon still unable to break through.

The frustration was too much, and the defence of Croatia pushed up more and more, which is how Albion hoped the game would go.

Sure enough, with Croatia exposed in defence, Albion broke. Denham gave a great ball for McNeil who stampeded home from inside the area.

It was a smash and grab goal by Albion. Straight away the team retreated, with its mission accomplished, to defend for the rest of the game.

Best for Croatia were Keith Adams and Steve Short while sweeper Bobby Nisbet was immaculate for Albion. He was aided by Blair and Grecham.

## JUVENTUS 1

### FRANKSTON 2

Ground: Selwyn Park, Sunshine

Crowd: 700  
Weather: overcast

Referee: C. Bambridge

JUVENTUS: Graham, Sebaldin, Vaughan, Symonds, Gillen, McGuinness, L. Lucchesi (Curro 73rd min).

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen, V. Bannon, Adams, McCusky, Patrot, Webster, G. Bannon, Young, Miller, Swincoe, Coulson (Campbell 80th min), Thom.

Frankston City has done it again! It might start sound boring, but the Bayside club played badly, yet still managed to win.

For the past three weeks it's been the same story with Frankston. Sunshine City outplayed Frankston and led 3-2 with three minutes to play, but Frankston won 4-3.

Croydon City looked home and hosed against Frankston and was pipped by an equaliser, then a last-minute goal.

And poor Juventus, which is on the road to recovery, did far better than Frankston but lost 1-2 with the winning goal coming five minutes from time.

Frankston's play of getting late goals is one habit coach Freddy Buncic is hoping the side can develop.

In all three instances, it's been the appearance of Norrie Campbell which has proceeded the late surge. Campbell has come on as a substitute in Frankston's last three games when the situation looked grim, but somehow brought a change over the Frankston team.

Lucchesi was extremely bitter about the team's loss, especially when several Frankston officials decided it was probably the side's worst performance this season.

Juventus had the chances, but was thwarted by excellent goalkeeping from Frank Petersen and the forwards' inability to finish off moves.

Keith Webster put Frankston into the lead when he latched onto a defensive clearance by Juventus from a corner, and whacked the ball into the net.

Juventus pushed forward constantly but had to wait until the 70th minute when Bobby McGuinness made it 1-1.

Then came the late winner from defender Danny McCusky. McCusky, who performed much better than in previous weeks, was on hand to hit the ball home on the far post after a corner kick had been flicked on from the near post.

Frankston's second goal came after McMillan crossed to Ward, who had the easy task of hitting the ball home.

## MAKEDONIA 2

### GEO. CROSS 1

Ground: B. J. Connor Reserve, Reservoir

Crowd: 2000  
Weather: overcast

Referee: Venos

TEAM:

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kastner, Rainey, Gavrilovic, Higham, Beach, Faulkner, Flavelle, Petrovski, McMillan, Cullen, Ward.

GEORGE CROSS: Matson, Cuttler (Ward 67th min), Hooper, Maitland, Barron, Wilkinson, Mirak, Castille, Mizzi, Paparais (Selciano 60th min), Thom.

Striker Jeff Faulkner looks to have solved Preston Makedonia's midfield problem.

Faulkner was switched to midfield to make room for new recruit Gary Ward, who earned a place after two goals in his first match for the club against Hakoah last week.

Ward played in Faulkner's place on the wing and scored a goal, his third in two games. Ward's inclusion had a extra dividend, as Faulkner shone in midfield, being named man of the match.

Inspired by Faulkner, Makedonians turned on a brilliant first half performance. If the team had gone in at half time four goal up, justice would have been done.

Instead, Preston lead only 1-0 after a headed goal by George McMillan following a cross by Flavelle.

Goalkeeper Steve Matson had a brilliant game.

He astounded George Cross fans and had Makedonia fans groaning in dismay. Repeatedly he denied the rampaging Makedonia strikers, and covered himself in glory.

Makedonia's second goal came after McMillan crossed to Ward, who had the easy task of hitting the ball home.

McMillan's header was a good effort.

It was a good

A view from the junior ranks  
BY LEIF JENSEN

# Soccer? Maybe in the death notices

So the soccer season is starting again ... or is it? Do you really know what date it kicks off? Do you know who is playing who in the first round? Do you know where they are playing? If you are anything like me you sometimes wonder WHAT they are playing.

Once again we are facing the job of searching the pages of daily newspapers, of course we know that when looking for anything to do with SOCCER, it could easily be found under the heading of "lost property" or "Births and deaths." The only place you can be sure NOT to find it will be amongst the footy results or fixtures, or a big glossy picture of Ron Barassi's left ankle where a spectator kicked him after his side lost their game ... big fizz!

And the job of following SOCCER becomes even harder once the games have started (that is unless you can wait until Monday morning for the results). I have no doubt that the results are broadcast on Saturday and Sunday nights, but do you know what stations or T.V. channels? ... I don't.

My job, just in case you don't know, is what you call "mobile headshrinker." I meet on the average 20 to 30 different people, from all walks of life, every day. I hate to think of every Friday from now on because invariably the conversation on Friday's goes like this: "How are you going mate, who is gonna win tomorrow pal?" and when I answer in a put on English accent, "Hellas of course," they look at me stupid with a "Who the b---- h---- are they. Hellas never heard of them mate."

**REGIONAL FIXTURES**

Victorian Regional Game fixtures: Saturday 28th April: Northern v Dandenong, 10 am, Peninsula v Central, 11.10 am, Ballarat v Western, 12.20 pm, Western v Central, 1.30 pm, Ballarat v Peninsula, 2.40pm, Geelong v Dandenong, 3.50pm. U/13 Wonga Reserve, Wonga Rd, Rihwood, U/14 Ddney Park, Brighton, U/15 Beachley Reserve, Ardyne Street, Sunshine. Sunday 29th April: Peninsula v Western 10am, Central v Ballarat 11.10am, Geelong

Northern 12.20pm, Central v Dandenong 1.30pm, Peninsula v Geelong 2.40pm, Western v Northern 3.50pm. U/13 Carlson Reserve, Clayton Rd, Nth Clayton, U/14 Spring Street, Sandringham, U/15 Green Gully Reserve, Kelor Road, St Albans.

Saturday 5th May: Northern v Peninsula 10am, Ballarat v Dandenong 11.10am, Central v Geelong 12.20pm, Western v Dandenong 1.30pm, Ballarat v Geelong 2.40pm, Central v Northern 3.50pm. U/13 Sixth Avenue, Burwood, U/14 Dendy Park, Brighton, U/15 Beachley Reserve, Ardyne Street, Sunshine.

Games will be of 2 x 30 minute duration for all age groups. First named team supplies the match ball. It is of the utmost importance that coaches play boys with numbers on their shirts to correspond with the number on the team sheet.

At the same they move as far away from me as possible, I even had one fellow who asked me to stop so that he could get in the back-seat. With a funny look on his face he said: "That's that funny puffs game isn't it?"

So what do I do now? Well I am not stupid (and no correspondence is wanted in regard to this statement) so my answer from now is: "Mate I reckon the Magpies will kill the Bombers, no risk," keeping my fingers crossed that I have said the right thing.

What I am getting at with all this WHEN ARE WE GOING TO WAKE UP TO THE FACT THAT THE PROMOTION OF SOCCER STINKS. I will not accept that we can't do anything about it. I have hundreds of ideas which will get Soccer into the newspapers, but every time one of these ideas is brought up I am told that it has nothing to do with soccer or that it is degrading to the "royal" game.

I can't think of anything more degrading that a State League game being played in front of two old ladies and their dog, and I will bet you the dog didn't even pay to get in. I could go on and on about this, but you will have to wait until next week. Until then I reckon North will win on Saturday ... so there!

# Give the kids a break

The inevitable transfer bottleneck at the start of the season has been penalising junior players in Victoria for long enough.

Every year, passport updates and transfers are held up because of the large volume of work involved as the junior seasons kicks off in Victoria.

The same situation, presumably, applies in other States.

It is all very well saying that passport updates should be taken care of by the clubs concerned before the Christmas break.

However, club secretaries, committees and coaches change during that time. The outgoing people will not involve themselves in inconvenient trips back and forth from Soccer House if they are not sure of holding their positions the following season.

Allow me to put forward a scheme that would cut out a lot of the disappointment which young players are at present expected to endure, while they wait for their passports to be processed.

At present, two passport photos are required by Soccer House for any passport update or for any passport change necessitated by a junior transfer.

I suggest that the club concerned bring in a third passport photo which

is stamped on the back with the official VSF stamp, and onto which a registration number is written.

The boy can then play that weekend upon production of the stamped photo, and he can continue using that photo for identification until his passport is processed by Soccer House.

I appreciate that there has been fear of cheating in the past. This suggested scheme removes such a possibility, and adoption of the scheme would show to one and all that the VSF really is sensitive to the feelings of small boys who, after all, know nothing about bureaucracy. All they want to do is have a kick.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.

# HONOR FOR HAT-TRICK HEROES

The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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The boys' will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's Hat-Trick Heroes are:

Ian Repassaris 11, four goals (Dingley); George Nicholas 11, four goals, Deno Mitaikas 11, four goals (Clarendon); Anthony Aleo, 11, Mark Shortle, 12 (Dandenong C); Paul Stavridis, 10, Tony Mavromatis, 10 (Bundoora); Roger Carruth, 11, Harry Kenteropoulos, 11 (North Dandenong); Scott Apple, 9, Jim Christou, 12 (East Bentleigh); Darren Cooper, 12 (South Yarra); Robert Tombolato, 12, Michael Grimsdell, 12, four goals (St. Marks); Ivan Zalin, 12, four goals (Bell Park); Theo Mitsou, 12, five goals (Clarendon); Steve Gaspirini, 11, five goals (Bell Park); Con Stefanidis, 11 (West United).

# Axeman Gelei

In a broadcast over the Hungarian programme of Radio 2EA in Sydney last Saturday, St. George coach Joe Gelei was caught threatening to drop six of his players into the reserves if the Saints lost against Marconi.

Now that the much-feared defeat has occurred, the Saints' fans will be looking forward with great curiosity to this week's line-up, to see if the Hungarian coach will make good his threat.

One man who did not see Gelei's charges slumped to yet another defeat last Sunday was St. George Club president Alex Poulos.

He was spotted in the crowd at Wentworth Park!

# 'Keeper needed by U19s

George Cross' under 19 team desperately needs a goalkeeper.

Anyone interested in playing in goals for the team can contact coach S. Micalas on 460 3599, or attend a training session. The team trains at Boeing Reserve, Strathmore on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 5.30 pm.

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# McMILLAN: 'I DON'T WANT TO PLAY PSL'

By KYLE PATTERSON

Preston Makedonia striker George McMillan earned a reputation of being a kamikaze soccer player last season. Few players in Australia challenge for the ball with the same fervour and commitment as this tough Scot.

McMillan has lost none of his fire and aggression this season, but has added a subtle edge to his game which has made him stand out as one of the 'class' players in the Victorian State League.

McMillan is an enigma among soccer players. Every week he runs his heart out, doing the work of two men and receiving plenty of punishment. Yet big George doesn't believe in physiotherapy and prefers to treat his own injuries.

He refuses to accept anything but the best from himself. Last season McMillan won Makedonia's best and fairest, was the club's top goalscorer, was equal second top goalscorer in the State League and finished in the top five in the Rothmans Medal count. But he wasn't joking when he told people he didn't have a good season! McMillan is a very conscientious player.

George realises the batterings he takes from defenders are part of the game.

"I like to be involved in the game," he said, "and being a forward I'll always get a hard time from defenders. I don't like a game to get dirty and violent, but I'll always give back to the defenders what they dish out. If there is a 50-50 ball the defender will know I mean business."

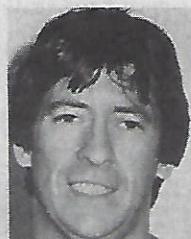
"I'm not really a centre forward like Jamie Paton of Slavia. I'm more of a worker. It doesn't worry me to get kicked, but I get upset if I see team mates not putting in effort. If I'm working for my team mates they should be working for me."

Another problem George faces nearly every game is keeping cool. Niggling ankle taps and bone-shattering fouls have a tendency to make a player go wild and re-taliate.

"It's hard to keep cool in that situation," said George, "but these days I can stay in control. When Makedonia played Croydon City earlier this season, Steve McCombe was handing out some rough stuff. I was pleased I didn't lose my temper, although I did explode once. But he was sent off in the end."

Although McMillan has never had a serious injury from soccer, he picks up knocks and strains all the time. His self-treatment process involves a lot of mind over matter.

"Unless you have a serious injury, like a damaged cart-



George McMillan

ilage or something like that, you should keep training. Even if I can't keep up with the other players, I'll still get out on the training track with an injury."

"Pulled muscles need stretching to get them right, while bruises aren't much trouble."

McMillan puts his improvement this season down to his team mates.

"Makedonia has a better team than we did last season," said George. "With players like Robert Cullen and Jeff Faulkner around me I look good. We have some really good players at Preston, and we are enjoying our soccer at the moment."

"Last season Essendon Croatia was the best side in the league. But this season Makedonia has the edge and we are a good chance for the championship."

With McMillan firing, Preston has a great chance. I admired George last season for his persistence and courage, but there's no doubt he's a much better player now. The secret seems to be that he is slowing himself down when he gets possession of the ball. Instead of trying to crash his way through, he can now steady himself, then dribble past his opponent. Every game has seen George produce something extra and he looks set for a great season.

Makedonia manager/coach Tony Vrzina has nothing but praise for McMillan. It's no secret Vrzina intends to build his team around McMillan.

"George has a very positive attitude now," said Vrzina. "He's confident he can beat any defender in the State League. Sometimes that's a disadvantage, because George always wants to start even with an opponent, then take him on. I'm trying to get him to be more mobile when the ball is not near him. He will then be harder to pick up and will surprise his opponents."

"At training, no-one works harder than George. He's

always encouraging his team mates to give extra, and always sets an example.

"His temperment is a problem. Defenders try to upset him and George must try to ignore these players. He should laugh at them, and show them by scoring a goal."

McMillan was born in Edinburgh Scotland on October 27, 1952.

At schoolboy level he achieved success, representing Edinburgh schools at primary and secondary levels.

Later, McMillan reached the last 26 of the Scottish schoolboy team. Unfortunately for George, he didn't make the final squad of 16 but was happy to have been selected in the 26.

He had trials with East Fife but didn't get anywhere. It was around this time McMillan made an important discovery:

"I used to be a soft player," he said, "but when I was about 18, I was playing for a local team. A 50-50 tackle was on and I made up my mind to go as hard as I could. I didn't feel a thing and I came out with the ball. From then on I was never afraid to go in hard."

McMillan has played as a forward for most of his career but when in his late teens, he switched to centre half for a while.

"That gave me a chance to hand it out to forwards," he laughed.

In 1973 Malcolm Brown, the coach of Azzurri Perth, was in Scotland to look for players. He offered George the chance to go 'Down Under' and McMillan jumped at the opportunity.

Azzurri was a top team in Western Australian soccer, and McMillan collected a fair few medals. But most rewarding for the striker was his representative games for the State.

McMillan played 25 times for WA, including games against class touring teams, Glasgow Rangers, Manchester Utd, Spurs, Sunderland, Dundee and Middlesbrough.

McMillan also made tours of Indonesia with the WA Satate teams.

"When I was given the chance to play against the likes of Rangers and Manchester Utd, I knew I had made the right move in coming to Australia," said George.

McMillan's most memorable game was against Rangers.

"I scored the winning goal in a 2-1 win," he said proudly. "It wasn't a diffi-



Makedonia's tough striker George McMillan (left) rides a tackle by South Melbourne left back Tony Turner in a practice match.

cut goal, but it gave me a lot of satisfaction."

McMillan completed a unique double last season when he played for Victoria against Dundee. I wonder if any other player has represented two States against the same touring team.

At club level, Azzurri had as coach for two years Duncan McKay, who later coached Essendon Croatia and the Victorian State team. Of course, McKay is a former star player with Croatia.

But McMillan came to the end of the road in Perth. He had achieved considerable success in the State, and wanted to move on to better things.

"Without being big-headed," said George, "I was at the top in Perth and had nowhere else to go. I wanted to improve myself but that wasn't possible in WA."

Luck was with George because Frank Burin, manager of Essendon Croatia, offered him the chance to move to Melbourne.

"I didn't think twice about the offer," said George.

While in Perth Burin also signed Alan Kerr, the captain and midfield强man of Essendon Croatia last season.

Kerr, who was with Second Division club Croatia Perth at the time, is currently on the sidelines after a knee operation.

McMillan was in for a shock when he started his career in Victorian soccer. He left Perth in search of better soccer but found the Victorian State League wasn't as good as the WA First Division.

"There are a lot of good players in Perth," he said.

However, since first sampling Victorian soccer in 1977, McMillan said the standard has improved.

"The introduction of the Philips League robbed the State League of good standard soccer," said George, "but now the soccer is getting better all the time."

McMillan played half a season in 1977 with Essendon Croatia, which was coached by Duncan McKay. McMillan kept up his link with McKay when in 1978 the pair teamed up in the Victorian team to meet Dundee.

McMillan came to Victoria on a loan agreement. It was this which caused him to leave Essendon for Preston.

"Azzurri wanted a fairly big fee for my release," he said. "Croatia didn't want to pay it, so Makedonia stepped in."

Makedonia has been very good to me, and I want to repay the club by winning a trophy this season."

I put to McMillan the question asked of most of the top players in the State League: Would you like to play in the Philips League? George's reply was not what I expected.

"I'm not too keen to get

into the national league," he said. "It's more professional, but the travelling would get me down. If Makedonia got into the league I'd go with the club, but I don't know how long I could take it. One season would probably be enough."

Strange, but George McMillan's idea of success isn't the same as most players. The national league may

be glamourous but to George, success is being satisfied with the way he's playing.

And with the self-critical McMillan setting high standards for himself, he's got plenty to aim at.

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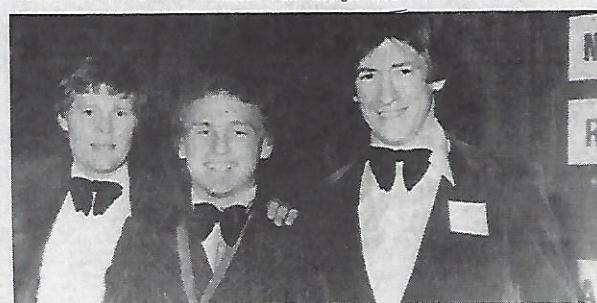
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McMillan (right) at the 1978 Rothmans Medal dinner with medal winner Tommy Cumming (centre) and former winner David Baker (left).

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## NSW State League

Sutherland 5 (Stoddart 3, Hall, Basterfield) Yugal 0 at Seymour Shaw Park. Crowd: 859.  
Avala 2 (A. Griffith, Djuricic) Arncliffe 0 at Hurstville. Crowd: 574.  
Granville 2 (Fraser, Morrow) Monaro 1 (Valeri) at Gar-side Park. Crowd: 258.  
Auburn 5 (Leake 2, Montgomery 2, Kable) Marrickville Olympic 2 (Balafas, Remisch) at Mona Park. Crowd: 446.  
Melita Eagles 3 (Allon 2, Farrugia) Manly 0 at Cromer Park. Crowd: 1232.  
Croatia 3 (Savor 2, Kovacic) Toongabbie 1 (Fisher) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 256.  
Ku-ring-gai 1 (Thompson 0.g.) Bankstown 0 at the Soccer Centre.

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Sutherland	3	1	1	13	4
Croatia	3	1	1	9	4
Melita Eagles	2	2	0	8	2
Auburn	1	2	1	11	9
Toongabbie	1	2	1	8	7
Bankstown	1	2	1	5	5
Kuring-gai	2	1	1	4	4
Granville	2	2	2	6	7
Manly	1	1	2	4	6
Marrick Olympic	1	1	2	5	8
Monaro	—	2	2	6	8
Avala	1	—	2	3	6
Arncliffe	1	—	2	2	5
Yugal	—	—	3	1	10

Three magic goals enabled premiers Sydney Croatia to beat Toongabbie 3-1 in the State League match at the Gabble Stadium.

Croatia had far too much experience for their opponents. Their first goal came in the 16th minute.

Maurice Sullivan squared the ball to Attila Abonyi to send a through ball to Curly Kovacic.

With the defence homing in on him, Kovacic blasted the ball high into the net.

Sixteen minutes later Wally Savor started a move in midfield. He evaded several tackles before being hit by Peter Cuk.

The ball rebounded into the penalty area and Savor ripped in to score his second.

Croatia's final goal came in the 85th minute.

Goalkeeper James fisted Abonyi's corner to Savor, who from 20 metres lobbed the ball into an empty goal.

Fisher scored a consolation goal for Toongabbie in the dying stages of the game.

★ ★ ★

Auburn completely outclassed Marrickville Olympic to storm home worthy 5-2 victors at Mona Park.

After 10 minutes of the first half, Auburn had the best of the play and they too the lead in the 21st minute when Marrickville defender Steve Kable put the ball into his own net while attempting to clear.

Almost immediately, Marrickville were back on terms when Peter Balafas collected a loose ball following a scramble in the goal area and cracked it home.

It took Auburn only six minutes to go back into the lead.

John McDonald made a good run down the right wing and gave a square pass to Stephen Montgomery who scored with a great strike.

They went further ahead in the 38th minute with Stephen Lanks headed home with Marrickville keeper Wayne Evans failing to clear a cross ball.

Leake scored his second goal in the 76th minute from 10 metres following skilful play by Willie Hamilton.

Hamilton was also responsible for Montgomery notching his second goal with a shot from eight metres.

In the 88th minute Josef Remisch scored a consolation for Marrickville from close in, following a defensive mix-up by Auburn.

★ ★ ★

Goals in the seventh and seventieth minutes gave Avala a well deserved 2-0 win over Arncliffe Scots at Hurstville Oval.

Both goals came direct from corner kicks.

Alan Griffith scored the first when he curled his shot inside the near upright.

Goalkeeper Norm Rodgers made a great effort to save it but could only help it on its way.

Zoran Djuricic scored the second as keeper failing to hold the swerving ball.

Avala was superior in midfield with Djuricic outstanding.

Their attack always looked dangerous but was inclined to be over-eager.

Arncliffe, who struggled last year against relegation, gave a generally disappointing display and will have to improve if they are not to be beaten again by demoted fears.

Sutherland cantered to a 5-0 victory over Yugal, highlighted by a second half hat-trick by John Stoddart in the clash at Seymour Shaw Park.

The win keeps Sutherland at the top of the State League table. Yugal offered little resistance to the pace and teamwork of the youthful Sutherland side and spent most of their time doggedly defending.

Craig Hall opened the scoring in the fifth minute when he bles-

ted home a drive from 20 metres after quickly moving onto a loose ball.

Four minutes later Jim Bas-terfield, who did not put a foot wrong all day, added the second following some dazzling footwork 10 metres from the goal line.

For the remainder of the first half and most of the second half, the ball fell into the doldrums.

Passes from both sides continually went astray and as Sutherland appeared content with their lead they played without aggression and method.

Seventeen minutes after the interval Stoddart exhibited his skills to score the first of his three goals.

Four minutes later he scored again with a brilliant first-time drive from the edge of the penalty area and he completed his hat-trick in the dying seconds with a superb solo effort.

Sutherland need to maintain their rhythm and method against strong opposition if they are to stay at the top of the table.

Yugal desperately need forwards who can score goals as they give the impression that they will remain at the bottom of the table with the team as it is at present.

An own-goal by fullback Paul Thompson enabled Ku-ring-gai to defeat Bankstown 1-0 at the Soccer Centre.

Ku-ring-gai dominated the play in the first half and Garry George forward Jim Heron playing home to it.

In defence veteran centre back Frank Malone had everything under control.

Bankstown sadly missed central striker Dennis Diley, who was out through leg injury.

Ku-ring-gai's goal came in the 22nd minute when overlapping fullback Gary Birrell received a flick pass from Heron and sent a shot crooked into the Bankstown goalmouth, where Thompson kicked the ball into his own goal.

Three minutes later Bankstown keeper Terry Greedy had to make a spectacular save from a shot by Heron.

The second half was Bankstown's but they could not score.

In the 47th minute Allan Britton's header was kicked off the line by fullback Ross Williams.

They could have levelled the score in the 72nd minute when they were awarded a penalty by referee Brian Fowler but Stevyn Wilson's kick was saved by Steve Ellis.

★ ★ ★

A methodical Melita Eagles earned 2-0 at Cromer Park.

A determined first half from Manly saw them go in at half time on level terms through solid defence from Bobby Doyle and John Dick and a solid display in the midfield from David Jack.

Giving nothing away, Melita was solid all round and made good use of the ball. In particular, Steve McDonald and Richard Yarhine made room at the back to start numerous attacking raids.

It was after the interval that the dangerous Melita forwards superiority showed.

A free kick from Joe Farrugia was beautifully taken home by Don Allen in the 58th minute and the writing was on the wall for Manly.

Just three minutes later, the same combination saw Allen on the far post kick in the second goal from a corner kick.

It was a just reward for a team who refused to be rashed and played attacking football.

Manly were under constant pressure and when Bobby McPherson was brought down in the penalty box Ray Farrugia scored from the spot kick to give Melita their third goal.

★ ★ ★

Manly beat the trinkets' blockade but lost Granville's to go down 2-1 at Gar-side Park.

In a game marred by foul, referee Owen Pritchard issued five cautions and ordered two penalties.

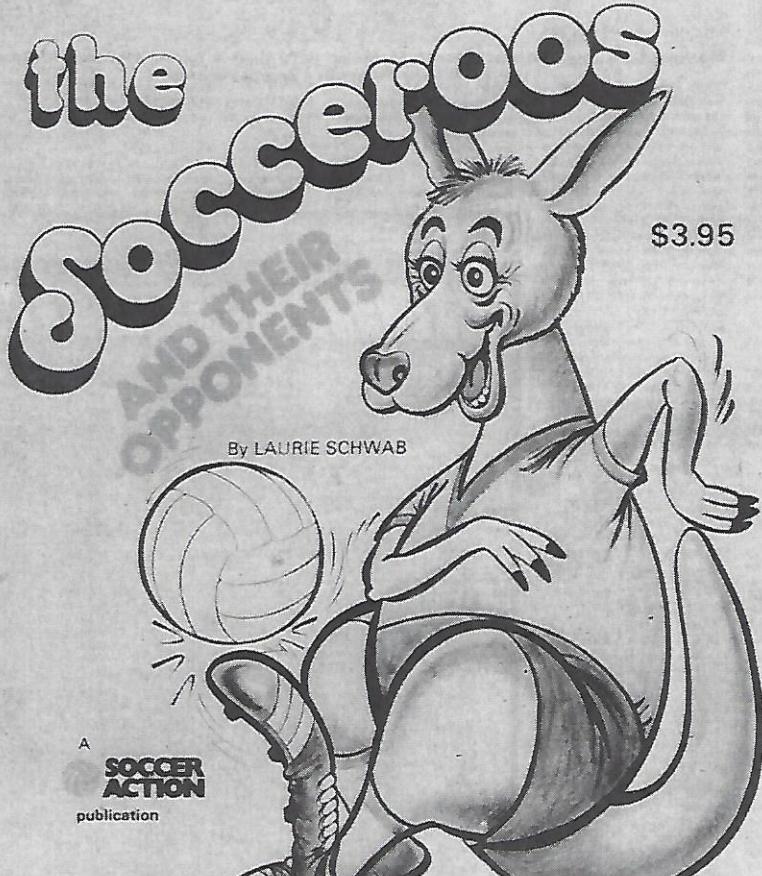
Manly were constantly moving Manly forward, constantly splitting the Magpies defence.

Just on half-time, Manly keeper Laurie Palec brought down Graham Barron in the box and Billy Fraser scored from the spot.

Granville corner was partly cleared by Manly Palec, Aldo Charles.

Tom Morrow moved to the ball and slid it into Palec's path to put the home team one up.

Walter Valeri scored Manly's goal after John Forwood had pushed Sebastian Giampaolo in the back and the referee awarded the second penalty of the match.



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# AJAX'S KROL LINKED WITH ARSENAL

Rudi Krol, Holland's World Cup star, has admitted he has had talks with Arsenal. Ajax is reported to want 400,000 pounds for the 29-year-old Krol, who has been 13 years with Ajax. Johan Neeskens' name has also been linked with Arsenal.

★★★  
Notts Forest manager Brian Clough has indicated he is interested in Zurich Grasshoppers' ace striker Claudio Sulser. Sulser scored 11 goals in this year's European Cup, more than any other player in any other European competition.

★★★  
Martin Chivers has moved from Norwich to Brighton for a token 15,000 pounds fee but subject to a medical.

★★★  
Celtic is interested in Motherwell's striker Willie Pettigree and his teammate, central defender Gregor Stevens, with a double price tag of 300,000 pounds.

★★★  
East German soccer international Lutz Eigendorf has applied for political asylum in West Germany. He played for his Dynamo side in West Germany recently and disappeared from his colleagues after the match.

Contrary to rumors, Sir Alf Ramsey won't be accepting a 50,000 pounds a year post in Kuwait. He has re-assured Gola, the sportswear company of which he is a director, that he is not joining the camel train to the Middle East.

★★★  
Notts Forest's new grandstand which is reported to be costing 2.5 million pounds is expected to get under way in the summer and be ready sometime next season.



Rudi Krol

★★★  
Osvaldo Ardiles, Spurs' Argentine star, has been axed from his national side, as has Alberto Tarantini (Birmingham) and Mario Kempes, playing in Spain. Cesar Menotti has ignored all but his home-based players in his squad to tour Europe in May and June.

★★★  
Charlie George, the former St George guest player, had his first outing with Southampton five months after his transfer from Derby when he took the field in the FA Cup game against Arsenal. George cost Southampton 400,000 pounds.

★★★  
Kenny Dalglish has scored 50 goals for Liverpool in 101 games since his 400,000 pounds transfer from Celtic just over 18 months ago.

Part-time Malmö, the Swedish side which trounced Wisla Krakow in the European Cup, is coached by a little-known Englishman, Bob Houghton.

★★★  
Tony Book and Malcolm Allison have added troubles with their misfiring Manchester City. English international winger Peter Barnes and Scottish international striker Alan Hart-

ford are both dissatisfied at Maine Road.

★★★  
Dave Sexton, the Manchester United manager, says he is still to some extent living in the shadow of Tommy Docherty at Old Trafford. Sexton pays the Doc a tribute by saying he is the most relaxed man in soccer.

★★★  
Barcelona is chasing Bobby Robson of Ipswich as its manager and a 500,000 pounds contract has been mentioned. Should the Spanish club fall in its bid for Robson, then Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton), Ron Atkinson (West Brom) and Dave Sexton (Man. Utd) could be next in line.

★★★  
Argentine side River Plate is hoping to entice international Alberto Tarantini back home if Birmingham is relegated. Tarantini, who joined the Midlands side from Boca Juniors for 250,000 pounds, is happy in England but manager Jim Smith says he won't be going anywhere without permission.

★★★  
Trevor Booking the West Ham and England star, sustained a strained ankle in the recent game against Newcastle and will be out for at least a month and miss the busy Easter break.

Despite being earmarked for relegation, Chelsea is likely to retain the services of Danny Blanchflower as manager and offer him a four-year contract.

★★★  
Thomas and Peter Barnes

and Scottie international striker Alan Hart-

## GREENHOFF SENDS UTD. TO WEMBLEY

LONDON — Manchester United has earned the right to meet Arsenal in the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 12 by defeating Liverpool 1-0 in their semi-final replay at Goodison Park.

A Jimmy Greenhoff goal after 78 minutes from a cross by Mickey Thomas took Dave Sexton's side through to what promises to be a classic final.

Liverpool, which had been chasing the League championship and FA Cup double, is now left to concentrate on its run to a likely championship success.

United, which beat Liverpool in the FA Cup final two years ago, made most of the early running and England goalkeeper Ray Clemence kept the Merseysiders in the game with some fine saves.

Liverpool took charge after half-time but Greenhoff's goal stunned the 53,000 home town supporters and finished its Cup hopes.

In the 2-2 draw at Manchester the previous Saturday, Liverpool equalized eight minutes from time through defender Alan Hansen but could not repeat the effort in the replay.

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## Brazil to ignore World Cup men



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ONLY five of the players who figured in Brazil's World Cup side in Argentina are likely to be called up at the end of this month when Claudio Coutinho names a squad of 17 for a friendly with Paraguay in Maracana.

Coutinho will base the team on four players from Flamengo, whom he is still successfully coaching, and the probable team is: Leao (Vasco) — Toninho (Flamengo), Oscar (Ponte Preta), Zico (Corinthians), Edmundo (Flamengo), Paulo Cesar Carpegiani (Flamengo), Feleno (Internacional), Zico (Flamengo) — Nilton Batata (Santos), Sereino (Sao Paulo) Eder (Gremio).

There are some doubts about the left back and right winger but Coutinho has hinted that they could be Junior and Nilton Batata.

Halftime: 1:1.  
Scorers: Holland: Hakkens (25); Belgium: Hoste (13th and 82nd minutes).

Sammy Nelson

LONDON — Arsenal has fined its Northern Ireland international fullback, Sammy Nelson, two weeks' wages and suspended him from the next two games after his bizarre shorts-dropping incident against Coventry.

Nelson, having equalized for Arsenal after earlier putting an own goal into his net, ran behind the Coventry goal, turned his back on the north end of the Arsenal ground and pulled down his shorts.

This apparently was in retaliation to the section of home spectators who heckled him for his earlier mistake.

Arsenal's disciplinary action means that Nelson, who already missed Saturday's league match at Liverpool having last week incurred a one-match disciplinary ban for accumulating 20 penalty points, will lose about 400 sterling (740 Australian dollars) in wages and will miss the upcoming match against Tottenham this week.

Arsenal manager, Terry Neill, said after the club's decision: "The feeling of myself and the club on the matter can be gauged by the speed with which we have acted and the severity of our action."

"I have had a long talk with Sammy about the incident and, although he did not have to say anything about it, I'm sure he now realises what he did was wrong."

Match referee, Clive Thomas, said after the game that if he had seen the "shorts-dropping" incident he would have sent the player off.

## Olympics

HOLLAND — Belgium beat Holland 2-1 in an Olympic Group three qualifying soccer match.

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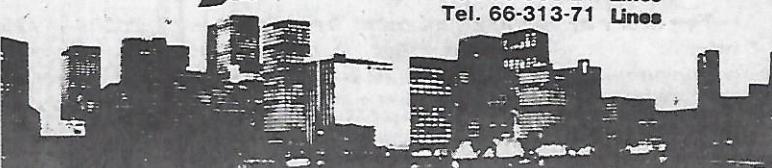
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